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Application of: Ruben, et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.115 AND  
PROVISIONAL ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 15, 2002 (Paper No. 7), please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) Fee Transmittal, with appropriate fee; (b) Version With Markings to Show Changes Made; and, (c) Information Disclosure Statement.

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

**Please amend claim 17 as follows:**

17. (Once Amended) A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polypeptide of claim 11.

**Please cancel claims 2-10, 12, 14-16, and 20- 23 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the following new claims:**

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